-his own spiritual interests, and the interests of the slave, I feel impelled to write to him upon the subject, and shall do so, at my earliest convenience using such arguments as I can to induce him to abandon his present employment. My brother Charles, too, I regret to perceive, is under a hallucination of mind upon the subject of "Garrisonism", but I believe that he will advocate his principles in a spirit of mildness, and without any intersixture of that fierce uncharitableness which characterizes Mr Garrison.

We have a few - a very few - nonresistants here - but there is too much good sense in this community to admit of the rapid growth of such a monstrosity. For myself, I set my face steadily against the beastly delusion, and have thereby incurred no small share of the hatred of this quarrelsome clique.

Please write soon in reply to this - and if you cannot communicate with me from time to time as I desire, have the kindness to solicit some intelligent and judicious friend to do so in your stead. Our next annual meeting occurs in November, and I am desirous that our people should be able to act decisively and intelligently in reference to their auxilliary ship.

Yours, for the slave

W A Bierleigh

Wm H. Burleigh
Pittsburgh, May 21st 1840

(Confidential)

Rev. A. A. Phelps:

Dear Sir:

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[The events which are now transpiring in the East, especially in Massachusetts, in connection with the Anti-Slavery Enterprise, render that portion of the field a most interesting one to every abolitionist. It is rumored here that a division has taken place at New-York - a part going with, and a part from, Mr Garrison - and if such be the case, it is scarcely possible that division should not extend throughout the entire ranks of anti-slavery. Our Society in Western Pennsylvania, I am persuaded, will not go with Mr Garrison. We are not prepared to endorse his ultraisms - to shoulder his "Woman's Rights" and his "no-governmentism". But as the battle, if it is to be fought, between the friends of Constitutional abolitionism and that which is appropriately called "Garrisonism", will be thickest at the East, I think it a matter of considerable importance, that we of the West, be put in knowledge, as early as possible, of the most important facts connected with the struggle - especially that class of facts which, for prudential reasons, it is considered inexpedient to spread before the public eye. For this cause, I write to solicit your occasional correspondence, that such information may be early transmitted to me as may be necessary to enable me to act intelligently in the matter, and to prepare me to counteract any evil influence that the Liberator may attempt to exert.]

Knowing that your time is necessarily much occupied, it is with great reluctance I have troubled you with this request, but a conviction that you can thus enable me to render essential service to the cause we both love, has induced me to make it.

I regret to learn that I have a younger brother in your state engaged, as an agent of the Old Society, in circulating, the Liberator & Cradle of Liberty. As he is pursuing a course which I believe is at war with